

BIG EXPENSE FOR CRIPPLED SYSTEM

Police Alarm, Constantly Giving Trouble, Is Proving Costly to City of Rock Island.

ONE MAY BUY ALL THE TIME

Service is the Best That is Being Secured From Device Installed Less Than a Year Ago.

When the former administration of the city of Rock Island installed a police alarm system manufactured by an eastern company a year ago it apparently saved about \$1,500 on the cost. The system cost \$7,500, and of the Gamewell company was something more than \$9,000. Now city officials have reached the conclusion that the city is out more than the \$1,500 in attempting to keep the system in order, and that the city's experience is proof that low-priced equipment is not always the most economical purchase.

Vincent Murphy, electrician of the police and fire departments, is compelled to spend most of his time keeping alarm equipment in order. Not only does the city get at best a crippled service, but it is costing a good deal more to get even that sort of service. It is said that about the only thing that is in order is the wiring that was done under city supervision.

There are 47 alarms and report boxes, and today how many are ordinarily out of commission one police department official promptly replied "forty-seven."

There is a recording device in connection with the station receiving board. This device has never operated satisfactorily, and it is in the repair shop more than it is connected with the desk. And even when it is in the board it never gives perfect service.

One circuit or another is continually out of commission. Patrolmen are daily reporting that they can not hear or make themselves heard over the telephones which are part of the system, and there is constant unpleasantness between the desk officers and the patrolmen on the beats as a result. The efficiency of the department is seriously affected.

Even Clock Stops.

Even the clock at headquarters is a source of trouble. It stops frequently, and only heavy electric battery power keeps it going at all. Every few days the electrician has to spend several hours remedying trouble in the receiving board.

Rock Island made a contract with the manufacturing company which it was thought would fully protect the city but officials say now that because of recent developments in the affairs of the company it will not be possible for the city to successfully seek enforcement of its guarantees. It is reported that the Gamewell people

THRICE ESCAPES DEATH IN MEXICO



James B. Barker.

Alameda, Cal., Feb. 3.—A charmed life is borne by James B. Barker, a member of the party which rescued the bodies of the Americans slain at Santa Ysabel, judging from a letter which has been received from him by his mother, Mrs. B. P. Barker, of this city. Barker says he would in all probability have been a victim of the bandits had he not arranged to have Charles Pringle, one of the slain, transact certain business matters for him in the San Antonio district. With this understanding Barker remained behind and thus his life was saved. In his letter Barker tells of joining the rescue party and of finding 14 bodies "in a pile, stripped, mutilated and shot all to pieces."

This was not Barker's only escape from death. Last December, he says, he was ordered by Villa adherents to leave the country. His going was delayed, he says, and the bandits sought him. He says he escaped after a nine days' ride over a desert.

Again, last year, Barker says, he was marked for slaughter, but another American, mistaken for him was slain.

now control the business and that there would be no recovery on the city's contract.

People of Rock Island voted bonds of \$10,000 to install the system, and that was before the annexation of South Rock Island territory. Some extensions have been made into the new districts, but the city has not as yet established boxes in the former village of Sears. Commissioners are hesitating to tackle the problem, but it is admitted in official circles that something must be done, and probably a new system will be installed, with as much use made of the present equipment as possible.

ELKS' CLUB GIVES ROOMS TO LADIES

Plans Completed for First Afternoon Party to Which Wives and Mothers Are Invited.

Plans are completed for extending the use of the Elks' club rooms to the ladies of the members of the lodge two afternoons each month, the innovation to be started Thursday afternoon, Feb. 10. Each lady has the privilege of inviting a friend.

A committee appointed at a recent meeting is arranging the plans for the first afternoon and the present arrangement is for the ladies to have charge of all subsequent afternoon parties.

Nomination for officers of the lodge for the ensuing year may be made at any meeting during the month of February, the meetings to be held on the 7th and 21st. On the latter date a class of candidates will be initiated. The annual election of officers will be held on Monday, March 6.

Notice of Award of Contract.

Notice is hereby given that the board of local improvements of the city of Rock Island, Ill., at a meeting held on the 1st day of February, 1916, did award the contract for the construction of local improvement of Twelfth street from Eighteenth avenue south to the junction with Ninth street, to the McCarthy Improvement company, on its proposal as follows: brick paving, \$1.90 per square yard, curb, 40c per foot, grading, 30c per cubic yard.

WILLIAM McCONOCHIE, President of board of local improvements, Rock Island, Ill. Feb. 2, 1916.

Bids.

Bids will be received at the mayor's office until 10 o'clock a. m., Feb. 8, 1916, for furnishing the city of Rock Island with sulphate of alumina until April 1, 1919. City uses approximately 20 tons per month.

JOHN A. MURRIN, Commissioner of Public Property.

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Domestics for Bargain Friday

40 in. Muslin unbleached, an excellent quality which sells at 10c the yard, for Friday 7c

9-4 Bleached sheeting wamsutta brand, 59c quality at, the yard 35c

Laminated Maish Cotton Batts, 2 lbs. full comfort size, ideal for spring and summer use ... 49c

Dress Goods Offers 2 Savings.

Half wool printed Challies in light and dark color grounds, also printed poplins for Bargain Friday, the yard 19c

36 in. half wool Plaids in wanted color combinations, suitable for waists and school dresses, a 39c grade for Friday, the yard 25c

Women's Globe and Merode winter Under Garments will continue the discount 33 1/3% of 33 1/3%

Our final clearance of coats—a sale of wonderful importance about here, opened this morning and continues through the week. This is an opportunity to purchase a first quality coat at a marvelously low price if your size is here in this display. Come surely tomorrow and share in this bargain feast—your choice of these beautiful (all this season's styles) at 10.00 or 5.00



Waists—Your Choice 69c

This clearance of an odd lot of voile and linene waists, all excellent styles, some slightly mussed, others odd sizes left from a heavy selling season—embroidery and lace trimmed—not a one is worth less than twice our sale price—we simply must dispose of these at once—tomorrow is the day—your unrestricted choice at 69c

Plaid Petticoats, Just Arrived, 1.19.

This surely is good news—the newest plaid effects in mercerized petticoats, ruffled flounces, fitted waists bands—a really exceptional bargain at only 1.19

Women's Hose Fleece Lined.

White footed fleece lined hose for women, all sizes, 25c grade at 2 pair for 35c

Children's Leggings 98c.

A few fine quality leggings for the little folks, astrakhan style for Friday at, the pair 98c

Chinchilla leggings, red, well made and worth 1.39—our price 98c



The Store that Has Everything Newest and Best—Prices Always Lowest

DEPARTMENT MOURNS DEATH MRS. LACHNER

In token of the esteem in which the late Mrs. B. J. Lachner, chairman of the music department of the Woman's club of Rock Island, was held by the members of the club, the committee on resolutions has drafted the following resolutions of regard:

"Whereas, the Great Ruler of the universe in His supreme wisdom has transferred from her earthly home to that spiritual abiding place our co-worker, Mrs. B. J. Lachner, the beloved chairman of the music department of the Rock Island Woman's club.

"Whereas, Mrs. Lachner, by her natural executive ability and discretion, coupled with musical gifts, education and training, nurtured, stimulated and energized the music department as a strong feature and prominent factor in the cooperative club work of the Rock Island women, and

"Whereas, Mrs. Lachner, in her desire to advance the best interests of our department, improve and cultivate our taste for music and create closer fellowship and more intimate sociability and devoted her time and talents unsparingly for the benefit of all; be it

"Resolved, That we, the members of the music department of the Rock Island Woman's club, deeply deplore her apparently untimely death and bow in humble submission before the Divine Will, feeling assured that He who rules over our destiny doeth all things well, and be it further

"Resolved, That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved husband and relatives and assure them that her memory will long be cherished among us, and be it further

"Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved husband and family and also recorded on the records of the department.

"COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS."

All the news all the time—The Argus

When Things Go Wrong in the Stomach, Liver and Bowels your health is quickly upset. Try

HOSTETTER'S Stomach Bitters at once. It is a fine tonic and remedy for the stomach.

Young & McComb's ROCK ISLAND'S BIG QUALITY STORE

Pillow Tops 19c

Pillow Tops in Fancy Goods Section, stamped, cross stitch and conventional designs, each 19c

Fur Scarfs 98c

Fur Scarfs to be cleared away tomorrow, a limited number at ... 98c

A few Maribou Scarfs to be marked 1.19

Our FAVORITE 543d Saving Event

Coats Suits--

Selling Wildly at \$5 and \$10 Each



Only a Few Left at 5.95

Our decision to clear out these few remaining suits at 5.95 certainly created a stir among those who know values. Why any woman will find that the skirt of any one of these suits is worth nearly twice the price we've placed on the whole suit—tomorrow you may find a suit here that you'll want, although we make no promises 5.95

Comforters and Blankets

Silk covered cotton comforts with plain band borders of blue, pink, yellow and lavender—regular 3.00 values for Friday 2.39

Woolnap Blankets, plaid effects, double size, an excellent 2.50 value at, the pair 1.98

A Small Rug at 69c.

27x54 Blue Rag Rugs, just the thing for bath and bed rooms, specially priced for Friday, at 69c

Curtain Specials.

15c and 18c Cretonnes for draperies and fancy work at, the yard 12 1/2c

Nottingham Lace curtains, 3 yards long, 50 inches wide, large assortment of patterns, each 39c

Drug Specials.

25c Hill's Cascara Quinine for la grippe 17c

2 Cans of High Grade 15c Talcum Powder for 15c

Embroiders and Laces.

27 in. embroidery Batiste Flouncings, 98c quality at, the yard 49c

Cambrie and Swiss Edges, all widths in lot, the yard 10c

Remnants of Lace Bands, 2 1/2 in. to 5 in. wide, some are 1.00 values, for quick clearance tomorrow, the yard 10c



For St. Valentine Day.

A display of charming novelties for your St. Valentine parties and cards to send to friends. Table decorative paper materials in pretty color effects typical of the day—lunch sets, cupids, favors, streamer decorations and place cards—all moderately priced and certain to add to your entertainment. Cards of all sorts are also on display from simple little valentines at 2 for 1 cent to those exquisite favors to mail to some dear friend at 10c.

—Main Aisle—Main Floor.

Notions for Friday

Plush Buttons, large size, made with new metal shank, the dozen 29c—medium size, the dozen 19c

1.00 Ideal Hair 59c

Brush 6c

Art Gum, 10c size for 6c

85c Jack Knives, long, strong blades, good steel, handles of bone and heavy hard wood, an ideal knife for any boy or man—two and three blade 49c

styles—your choice Friday only. 50c embroidery Scissors with sharp points, good steel 35c

NOTED LECTURER IS HERE; GATHERS DATA

Dr. Z. T. Davis, noted school lecturer, was in Rock Island yesterday gathering information and data for his work. During his stay here he conferred with Superintendent Fisher of the city schools and also visited the schools of Moline and Davenport. In his lectures, of which he has given many all over the country, Dr. Davis speaks on the standing of the children in school and why some people fail in school, professions and business, while others succeed. His work has been highly endorsed by many of the noted educators and he is the only man in the United States carrying on this work. He is not scheduled to deliver a lecture here, but may do so when he has occasion to return to this community again.

ON COUNTY RECORDS

Warranty Deeds. Amelia E. Grotegut to William H. Christison, lot 12, block "A", Prospect Park addition, Moline, \$1,500. Charles E. Radden and wife to George and Bessie E. Maskell, lot 1, Charles E. Radden's third addition, East Moline, \$1,000.

Frank H. Head to David Don, lot 2, block 10, Old Town, Rock Island, \$3,200.

Camel and Rommie Vermuelen to Henry Tanghe, lots 33, 34, 35, block 151, East Moline, \$10.

Herman A. and Minnie Liedtke to Mary E. Lundquist, lots 7 and 8, block 26, Sixth addition, Silvis, \$1,000.

Lars P. and Nellie Nielson to Robert B. and Grace A. Newell, part lot 7,

hears of C. F. Mueller's assessors plat of W. 50 acres of N. 1/2 N. E. 1/4 section 6-17-1W, \$1,000.

Her Fear.

Nervous Old Lady (as train stops suddenly)—What's the matter? Trainman—There's a 200 foot embankment here, and a whole train just rolled down it. Nervous Old Lady—Oh, dear! I hope it wasn't ours.—Judge.

We Wish We Knew of Some Way



to get you to drink a glass of our beer. That would be all. We would need advertise no more—our beer would do it for us, because it's the best beer made. Let us send you a case today so you may know for yourself.

ROCK ISLAND BREWING CO.

NOTICE

South Rock Island Township taxes are due. On Tuesday, Feb. 8th, I will receipt for taxes at the Simmons Grocery, 9th St. and Michigan Ave., Feb. 8th at Paridon's Grocery, 17th St., and Friday and Saturday at the Central Trust & Savings Bank on the second floor.

JOHN WEBBER, Collector.

WEST BADEN SPRUDEL WATER

200% LAXATIVE



CONSTIPATION CURE

THE EDGE OF HEALTH

One of a Series of Talks on Health by Rock Island's Leading Druggists.

By EMIL C. BURKE, Pharmacist.

Health is wealth. No man is too poor to own it. None is rich enough to buy it. Everybody is endowed with it in youth. Abuse Nature and you lose it—perhaps for all time. Constipation is health's worst enemy. It makes work for the undertaker and florist. It has sent countless thousands to their last resting place. Constipation and West Baden Sprudel Water can exist in the same body more than an hour—that has been proven to more than a million men and women who have journeyed to West Baden, Indiana, in the past 30 years to rid themselves of catarrhal conditions of the stomach, rheumatism, uric acid, diabetes, obesity, torpid liver, frequent headaches and other afflictions traceable to constipation.

Now they bottle this splendid laxative water right at the Mother Spring. Druggists sell the large size at 35c and the small at 15c. A glassful once a week is better than salts and more satisfactory than pills, because it tones and cleanses without forming the laxative habit.

Emil C. Burke of Burke Bros. Drug Company, 631 Ninth street, needs no introduction. His hundreds of friends and customers entrust their prescriptions to him. They go to him for advice on matters pertaining to health. This is the man who unhesitatingly recommends West Baden Sprudel Water.